## FEE SCHEDULE – DSLSA – 2025 FOR EMPANELLED LEGAL SERVICES ADVOCATE (LSA) AT DISTRICT COURTS & QUASI JUDICIAL BODIES

## Part-I-A (Legal Aid Wing)

		Fee Schedule		
S. No.	Description of Work	Non Effective Hearing	Effective Hearing	Maximum Limit of Fee (Per Case)
SES	SIONS COURTS			
1.	Criminal Case punishable with Death, Life Imprisonment or Imprisonment of more than 10 years		Rs.2000/-	Rs. 51,000/-
2.	Other Criminal Session Trial Cases	Rs.800/-	Rs.1600/-	Rs.40,000/-
3.	<ul> <li>a) Bail Anticipatory / Regular (Except during Trial)</li> <li>b) Remand Work</li> </ul>		1800/- per ap	•
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5.	Revisions	misc. Ch number o hearings r Rs. 5,000	arges. If the factive of aising the be	or non-effective ill to more than payment would

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6.	Any other additional Legal Services work assigned by the	KS. / 20/ -	Rs.1,080/-	Rs. 14,400/-
	Secretary for which no specific			
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7.	Any Trial before Chief Judicial	Rs.600/-	Rs.1,200/-	Rs. 30,000/-
	Magistrate / Addl. Chief			
	Judicial Magistrate/Judicial			
	Magistrate First Class [Including			
	all categories – (State/Complaint			
	Cases) (Warrant/Summons Trial)]			
8.	Execution (if any)	Rs.600/-	Rs.1,000/-	Rs. 11,000/-
9.	Bail/Remand Work:-	to f		I
	a) Bail	a) Da	1250/	1:*
	b) Remand Work		1350/- per ap	
10	,	Rs. 540/-	12,000/- per 1 Rs. 900/-	
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12.	MACT	Rs. 700/-	Rs. 1500/-	Rs. 22,500/-
13.	Execution in respect of S. No. 11 & 12	Rs. 600/-	Rs. 1200/-	Rs. 14,400/-
14.	Appeals	Rs.700/-	Rs. 1500/-	Rs. 22,500/-
	ना त	misc. Ch number o hearings r Rs. 3,000	arges. If the factive of aising the bill	000/- and other here are more or non-effective ll to more than payment would be schedule.
15.	Matters before	Rs.700/-	Rs. 1250/-	Rs.18,000/-
	Financial Commissioner Courts	misc. Ch number o hearings r Rs. 2,500	arges. If the f effective of aising the bi	500/- and other here are more or non-effective ll to more than payment would be schedule.
16.	Any other additional Legal	Rs. 720/-	Rs. 1080/-	Rs. 14,400/-
COU	Services work in the nature of main case, application, execution or other work assigned by the Secretary for which no specific fees is provided.  RTS OF CIVIL JUDGES	STICE	FORF	
17.	Trial before SCJ/Addl. SCJ/ ACJ/ Rent Controller/ARC/Civil Judge/ Distt. Consumer Forum/ ADM & SDM Courts/ Cantonment Board	Rs. 600/-	Rs. 1200/-	Rs. 30,000/-
18.	Execution in respect of S. No. 17	Rs.600/-	Rs.1000/-	Rs. 11,000/-
19.	Misc. Application viz. order 9 Rule 13 CPC, Review etc. (except during trial) or any other additional Legal Services work assigned by the Secretary for which no specific fees is provided	Rs.600/-	Rs.1000/-	Rs. 11,000/-

20.	NGT/CAT/NCDRC/AFT/NCLT /Income Tax Appellate	Rs. 900/-	Rs. 2,000/-	Rs. 30,000/-
	Tribunal/Debt Recovery Tribunal/ Debt Recovery Appellate Tribunal/SCDRC/ DST/ Trade Mark Authority/Registrar Co- operative Society	Minimum Fee is Rs. 5,000/- and other		
21.	Any other additional Misc. Court work assigned by DSLSA/DLSA for which no specific fees is provided	Rs. 540/-	Rs. 1080/-	Rs. 11,700/-
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22.	<ul> <li>i. For spot inspection;</li> <li>ii. To the Local Commissioners/ Receivers appointed for partition of immovable properties by metes and bounds for partition or other similar civil proceedings (including TA/DA); or</li> <li>iii. For appointing Receivers (including TA/DA).</li> <li>(a) Order of the Courts of DHJS.</li> </ul>	STICE	FOR	
	DHJS.  (b) Order of the Courts of DJS.			<ul><li>a. Rs.12,000/-</li><li>b. Rs.9,000/-</li></ul>
23.	For recording of evidence by Local Commissioners:  (a) Order of the Courts of DHJS.			Rs. 9,000 (plus 1,200/- per additional witness, in witnesses are more than 6 with a maximum cap of Rs. 12,000)

(b) Order of the Courts of DJS.	Rs. 6,000 (plus 600/- per additional
	witness, if witnesses are more than 6, with a maximum cap of Rs. 9,000)

<sup>\*</sup> Payment under Part I-C would not be applicable for the work.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

- 1. a) **Effective Hearing includes:** A hearing in a Criminal case where Charge or Notice, as the case may be is framed against the accused.
  - b) It is a hearing which results in recording of testimonies of witnesses in a Criminal case including cross examination, recording of statement of the accused u/s 281 or 313 Cr.P.C., examination of defence witnesses, if any, arguments on any important Misc. application or final arguments.
  - c) Similarly, in Civil cases, it would be the date on which plaint/petition/ written statement is filed or the issues are framed, witnesses are examined by way of filing of affidavit or otherwise, cross examination or a stage on which any important Misc. application is argued or final arguments.
  - d) Either one or both parties involved in case are heard by the court resulting in passing of an order that decides substantial legal right of the parties, which may be challenged in Appeal or Revision, as the case may be.
  - e) Provided that if the case is only adjourned or only interlocutory directions are given or only judgement is delivered by the court, it would not constitute an effective hearing but will be termed as non-effective hearing.
  - f) While evaluating any hearing as effective or non-effective, lenient view shall be taken in favour of effective hearings and the decision of the Secretary, DLSA in this regard shall be final.

- 2. In the event, two or more cases are pending trial before the same Court/Quasi Judicial Body and are connected with each other or are such which involve substantially identical or common question of law or fact or are between same parties qua the same or similar cause of action or are qua same suit property, only one suit shall be treated as main case for which the LSA shall be paid full fee. For the other connected cases, the fee payable shall be 1/4<sup>th</sup> of the prescribed fee.
- 3. The fee schedule is devised in a way that provides financial incentives for attending to more "effective hearing" then "non-effective hearing" but the empanelled advocates shall be duty bound to appear on all "non-effective hearings".
- 4. This fee schedule would be applicable, at Pre-Trial as well as Trial stage, in those cases too wherein legal aid has been provided to the victims under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO), Survivors of Sexual Assault (Rape Victims), or any other case where legal aid is provided in compliance of Court Orders or otherwise.
- 5. In State Cases Trial on filing of Police Report, payment of Professional Fee shall be paid as per the following slabs:
  - a) Not more than 20% of the total fee on framing of charge/notice. In case of discharge while defending, LSA would be paid 30% of the total fee.
  - b) Not more than 70% of the total fee on conclusion of Prosecution Evidence followed by statement of Accused u/s 313/281 Cr.P.C and Defence Evidence, if any.
  - c) Remaining 30% of the total fee on final disposal.
- 6. In Criminal Complaint Cases, the payment shall be made as under:
  - a) Not more than 20% of the total fee upto the stage of passing of summoning order or dismissal of the complaint u/s 203 of Cr.P.C.
  - b) Not more than 30% of the total fee in case of discharge of accused while defending in Warrant Trial.

- c) Not more than 70% of the total fee on conclusion of evidence of the Complainant/Prosecution followed by statement of the Accused and defence evidence, if any.
- d) Remaining 30% of the total fee on final disposal.
- 7. In Civil Cases (Contested), the payment shall be made as under:
  - a) Not more than 20% of the total fee on framing of issues. However, in case of summary trials, 30% of the total fee shall be paid on dismissal of leave to defend resulting in a summary judgment. On acceptance of leave to defend, 20% of the total fee shall be payable on framing of issues.
  - b) Not more than 70% of the total fee on conclusion of Plaintiff's Evidence/ Defendant Evidence.
  - c) Remaining 30% of the total fee on final disposal.
- 8. In **Rent/Eviction Matters**, the payment shall be made as under:
  - a) Not more than 20% of the total fee on disposal of an application for leave to defend u/s 14 (1) (e), 14A, 14B, 14C and 14D.
  - b) In other cases, 20% on completion of pleadings.
  - c) Not more than 70% of the total fee on conclusion of Plaintiff's Evidence/ Defendant Evidence.
  - d) Remaining 30% of the total fee on final disposal.
- 9. In Civil Cases (Uncontested), where the defendant/ opposite party is proceeded ex-parte, the maximum payment shall be made as under:-

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S. No.	Stage/ Situation	Maximum Limit of Fee in Courts of District Judges		Fee in Co	m Limit of urts of Civil dges
a.	Where the defendant	Rs.24,000/-		Rs.20,000/-	
	is proceeded exparte at any stage.	Non Effective Hearing	Effective Hearing	Non Effective Hearing	Effective Hearing
		Rs. 600/-	Rs. 1500/-	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 1000/-
b.	Payment shall be above.	made in the	ratio of 2:5:3	as per Para	a No. 7

- 10. In case of a Criminal or Civil trials, revision or appeal the billing for "non-effective hearing" shall not be for more than 07 occasions in the life time of the matter. Further, 40% payment of the total fee shall be paid during the pendency of Appeal or Revision while remaining 60% shall be paid after final disposal of the Appeal or Revision.
- 11. If the matter is referred to Mediation or Plea Bargaining, then after certification from Mediation Centre or Plea Bargaining Court, as the case may be, about effective and non-effective sittings, then fees shall be paid for such sittings too if the effective hearings at the respective forum are more than two. While making payment of fees under this clause, the incentive clause of payment of Rs. 3,600/- for such matters would not be applicable.
- 12. In the event of a case assigned to Legal Services Advocate only for legal opinion or where a Legal Services Advocate opines that no case is made out he/she shall be paid a consolidated fee of Rs. 2,000/-; and in such case any advance paid for case preparation same shall be adjusted.
- 13. In cases, where the legal aid beneficiary does not turn up after legal aid counsel has drafted the pleadings but the case was not filed before the Court/Authority, then fees of Rs. 2,000/- and other miscellaneous charges shall be paid on production of draft pleadings.
- 14. On assignment of an application for anticipatory bail by the Ld. Secretary, DLSA to an empanelled advocate, payment shall be made only once even for multiple accused persons. On assignment of a case, payment for moving an application for regular bail before filing of charge sheet, shall be restricted to only **two applications** per accused or multiple accused per case, as the case may be. After filing of chargesheet no separate payment shall be made for filing, arguments and disposal of bail application.

For moving additional bail application in the nature of anticipatory bail/regular bail at pre chargesheet stage, the empanelled Legal Services Advocates shall seek prior approval of the Ld. Secretary, DLSA concerned, except in emergent situation viz. illness, bereavement in family, etc.

#### 15. Inspection of Court Record:

During trial of any case, if legal aid counsel conducts inspection of court record, then he shall be paid fees at the rate of Rs. 400/- per inspection and maximum for three (3) occasions in the life time of the matter.

#### 16. Visit to Jail for meeting with the Legal Aid Beneficiary/Inmate:

If legal aid counsel has to visit a jail to have a meeting with respective accused who has availed/ has been granted legal aid, then he shall take prior approval of Member Secretary, DSLSA/Special Secretary, DSLSA/Additional Secretary, DSLSA/ Secretary, DLSA/concerned Court. For such visit, he may be paid fees of Rs. 3,000 including conveyance charges. The approval may be granted by DSLSA/DLSA only when E-Mulakat is not feasible.



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# FOR EMPANELLED LEGAL SERVICES ADVOCATE (LSA) & COUNSELLORS AT JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARDS (JJBs), CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEES (CWCs) & CHILD RIGHTS CELL (CRC)

## Part-I-B (Legal Aid Wing)

S.No	Description of Work	Fee Schedule			
Juven	Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) and Child Welfare Committee (CWC)				
1.	Legal Services Advocate attending cases before the JJB/CWC	Rs. 2,700/- per day			
2.	Legal services Ombudsman/Counsellors supervising the work of LSAs	Rs. 3,100/- per day			
3.	Inspection of Observation Homes/ Children Homes by Legal Services Advocate (*).  •Inspection of Home if it is within 05 Km of JJB  •Inspection of Home if it is beyond 05 km from JJB	Rs. 1,200/- Rs. 1,700/-			
All In	dia Legal Aid Cell on Child Rights (CRC)	*			
4.	Legal Services Advocate attending Trials of Rescued Children in Courts	As per Fee Schedule under Part-I-A			
(*)	The payment of LSA shall be in addition to the condition that they shall put in atleast two how beyond Board/Committee working hours.  It shall be payable for not more than 04	ars of services on such visit			
	OHB/OHG and one visit in a month to each them.	Children Home assigned to			

## FEE SCHEDULE – DSLSA – 2025 FOR LEGAL SERVICES CLINICS (LSC)

## Part-I-C (Legal Aid Wing)

S.No	Description of Work	Fee Schedule
1.	Visit of Legal Services Advocate to Legal Services Clinics in Jails	Rs. 750/- per hour per visit subject to maximum of three visits in a week and a maximum of four hours per visit. Payment will be on the basis of proof of attendance and a brief report of work done.  05-20 minutes relaxation for late reporting would be granted to the Legal Services Counsel for visiting the jail.
2.	Visit of Legal Services Advocate to Legal Services Clinics at University/Colleges etc.	An honorarium of Rs. 2,100/- for minimum two hours and additional Rs. 700 per hour if visit extends beyond two hours shall be paid subject to maximum payment of Rs. 3,500 per visit. Similar fees would be applicable for duties assigned to Legal Services Advocates such as duty at Legal Services Camp, any legal services to be provided to any beneficiary and assistance of Legal Aid Advocate is required for the purpose etc.
3.	Legal Services Advocate duty at Front Office*	
4.	Legal Services Advocate attending Helpline No. <b>1516</b> beyond office hours and on holidays	Rs. 10,000/- per month
5.	Drafting	1/3 <sup>rd</sup> of the total fee including clerkage given to the Legal Services Counsel. Subject to maximum of Rs. 5,000/ Minimum payment of charges for drafting of substantive pleadings such as Suit, Counter Claim, Matrimonial Proceedings such as Divorce, Counter

		Claim, Maintenance, Custody, Restitution etc. Succession, Probate, Memo of Appeal, Revision, Written Statement, Reply, Rejoinder, Parlication etc. will be Ps. 2000/
		Replication etc. will be Rs. 2000/.
6.	Typing Charges (Including scanning, Optical Character Recognition & Book Marking Charges)	Rs. 35/- per page
7.	Photocopy	Rs. 2/- per page
8.	Translation	Rs. 70/- per page. However, in exceptional case, actual expenses may be paid at discretion of DSLSA/concerned DLSA.
9.	Attestation	Rs. 30/- per document

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## **Miscellaneous Legal Services Work**

## Part-II (Legal Literacy Wing)

S. N	Description of Work	Fee Schedule
1.	Resource Person in Legal Literacy/ Awareness Programmes:-  a. Former Judge of Supreme Court of India b. Former Judge of High Court c. Senior Advocates d. Professors	Rs. 9,000/-
	e. Judicial Officers from Higher Judiciary(DHJS) f. Addl. Secretary to the Govt. of India/Govt. of States & Union Territories g. Associate Professors	Rs. 7,500/-
	h. Other Judicial Officers (DJS) i. Joint Secretaries	Rs. 6,000/-
	j. Assistant Professor	Rs. 5,000/-
	k. Providing Translator, Interpreter or Sign Language Expert or any other expert during the course of providing legal services to the beneficiary as per S. 12 of The Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.	Rs. 4,500/- per day or Court appearance or any other activity
	1. Legal Services Advocate/Counsellor	Rs. 2,100/- per Lecture (while assigning duty of resource person to any legal aid counsel/counsellor for legal awareness programme beyond 5 km of office of concerned DLSA, then he must be paid conveyance charges of Rs. 600/)

m. Para Legal Volunteers

- (i) Rs. 1,500/- per Lecture as resource person.
- (ii) Rs. 600/- to Rs. 1,800/- per person in the discretion of the Member Secretary/ Secretary for engagement in any Legal Services Work such as Awareness Campaign, Street Plays, Surveys etc.



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## For Lok - Adalats with PLA, NLA & DCLA

## Part-III (Lok Adalat Wing)

S.No	Description of Work	Fee Schedule
Perma	nnent Lok Adalat (10:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.)	
1.	Retd. Hon'ble High Court Judges (Serving or Retired)	Rs. 18,000/-
2.	Officers of the Delhi Higher Judicial Service (Serving & Retired)	Rs. 15,000/-
3.	Counsellor at PLA	Rs. 3,000/- (12:00 Noon to 5:00 P.M.)
Nation	nal Lok Adalat ( <mark>10</mark> :00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.)	Λ
4.	Member Secretary, DSLSA, Secretaries, DSLSA and Secretary, Delhi High Court Legal Services Committee (Officers of the Delhi Higher Judicial Service)	Rs. 15,000/-
5.	District Judges (Officers of Delhi Higher Judicial Service)	Rs. 15,000/-
6.	Secretaries, DSLSA/ DLSAs (Officers of Delhi Judicial Service)	Rs. 10,000/
7.	Judicial Magistrates First Class & Civil Judges (Officers of Delhi Judicial Service)	Rs. 10,000/-
8.	Doctors / Associate Members	Rs. 7,500/
9.	Additional Public Prosecutor	Rs. 5,500/-
10.	Administrative Officer/Sr. Accounts Officer/Accounts Officer/Asstt. Accounts Officer/Registrar/ Recovery Officer/Superintendent/Sr. Judicial Assistant/Sr. PA/Sr. Assistant/ Sr. Reader/ Sr. Stenographer	Rs. 3,500/-

11.	Stenographer/Assistant/Personal Assistant/ Judicial Assistant/ Hindi Translator/ Section Officer	Rs. 3,000/-
12.	UDC & Jr. Stenographer/Jr. Judicial Assistant/Data Entry Operator/Data Management/ Assistant Section Officer	Rs. 2,500/-
13.	LDC /Office Assistant/Driver	Rs. 2,000/-
14.	MTS/Peon/ Orderly to Judges	Rs. 1,500/-
Pre-si	tting of Lok Adalat (4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.)*	
15.	Officer of DHJS & DJS	Rs. 2,000/-
16.	Legal Services Advocate/Counsellor duty as Associate Members	Rs. 1,000/-
17.	Personal Assistant/Stenographer/ Reader/ Ahlmad	Rs. 1,000/-
18.	Peon/Orderly	Rs. 500/-

## **NOTE(\*):**

- 1. Atleast 8 cases must be listed in each such pre Lok Adalat sitting conducted by DHJS Rank Officers while atleast 12 cases must be listed in each such PLA sitting conducting by DJS Rank Officer.
- 2. As a matter of financial discipline, honorarium shall be paid for maximum five pre Lok Adalat Sittings only, for a scheduled Lok Adalat as per the fee schedule.
- 3. In pre Lok Adalat sittings, Ld. Judicial Officer may depute maximum three staff members for assistance.

#### FEE SCHEDULE - DSLSA - 2025

#### **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

#### 1. | Preparation of Bill:-

In all the Legal Aided cases, Legal Services Advocates shall submit fee bill only on the basis of number of hearings as per Schedule I-A. In case a matter gets decided or disposed of at an interim stage or otherwise and prior to a case touching the maximum upper fee limit of the case category, the payment shall be made commensurate with the attended effective/non-effective hearings as per Schedule I-A. Likewise, in case a matter requires additional hearings beyond the maximum upper limit, the only maximum fixed fee shall be payable.

It is provided that in case a LSA, LSC or PLV is found to have furnished false bill malafidely, it would be treated as sufficient ground for immediate depanelment.

## 2. Limitation period for filing of Professional Bills:-

Professional bill shall be submitted by a Legal Aid Counsel within one year of final disposal of case by the concerned Court/Tribunal or of discharge of advocate in the respective case, as the case may be. The Secretary DLSA/Member Secretary, DSLSA may, for the reasons to be recorded in writing, extend the time limit not exceeding one year, if he/she is satisfied that the circumstances were such which prevented the counsel from submitting the bill within the limitation period.

In respect of other activities mentioned in the fee schedule, bill shall be submitted by a Legal Aid Counsel/Resource Person within six months of carrying out or completion (in case the same is of continuing nature) of the respective activity, as the case may be. The Secretary DLSA/Member Secretary, DSLSA may, for the reasons to be recorded in writing, extend the time limit not exceeding six months, if he/she is satisfied that the circumstances were such which prevented the counsel from submitting the bill within the limitation period.

This limitation aspect shall be applicable for all bills to be raised against duties/work performed under previous fee schedules as well. It is clarified where the case has already been disposed of, Legal Aid Advocate has already been discharged or any other activity (as mentioned above) has been performed by Legal Aid Counsel prior to coming into force of revised schedule, then he shall file the respective bill within aforesaid limitation period commencing from coming into force of this Fee-Schedule.

#### 3. | Promoting ADR:-

If a Civil, Criminal Compoundable or other case is settled/compromised in Lok Adalat, Mediation or Conciliation or in plea bargaining proceedings under Chapter XXIII of BNSS (earlier Chapter XXVI A of the Cr.P.C.), a provision is made for additional payment of Rs. 3,600/- over and above the fee payable upto that stage.

If a Civil, Criminal Compoundable or other case is settled/compromised in the Court itself, an additional payment of Rs. 1,800/- over and above the fee payable upto that stage.

#### 4. | Case Preparation Advance:-

At the time of assignment of the cases both civil, criminal or other Quasi Judicial Bodies an amount of Rs. 2,000/- may be credited in the account of nominated LSA towards case preparation charge/miscellaneous expenses subject to adjustment as per schedule under **Part-I-A**.

#### 5. | Cost:-

In case cost is awarded by any Court to a Legal Aid Beneficiary, the cost shall be deposited by Legal Aid Beneficiary or by Legal Services Advocate with the concerned District Legal Services Authority only. In case of deliberate non-compliance of this provision within two months of receipt of the cost, Legal Aid may be withdrawn from Legal Aid Beneficiary or Legal Services Advocate would be liable for depanelment, as the case may be.

#### 6. | Court Fee:-

Court fee will be realized, if the Court so directs on disposal of a petition filed for an indigent person.

#### 7. Clubbed Cases:-

Appeals/Revisions or Petitions arising from one common judgment/order will be considered as one case, if issues are same.

#### 8. Misc. Work:-

When misc. Applications are filed in a pending case, including transfer petition only drafting and typing charges will be payable and no separate fee will be payable.

#### 9. Supporting documents:-

In respect of the payment of the fees, the Advocate will be required to submit soft copy scan of the work done form after getting it verified by Reader/Ahlmad of the Trial Court apart from sharing the weblink of Judgement/order if any. The advocate may also produce certified copies of the proceedings of the respective case.

#### 10. Final decision on Bills:-

In the event of any doubt or difference of opinion regarding the honorarium payable, the decision of the Member Secretary shall be final and binding. However, while processing the professional bills of legal aid counsel, DLSAs would follow the procedure mentioned in circular of Ld. Member Secretary, DSLSA dated 19.12.2015.

#### 11. Applicability:-

The revised rates of the Fee/Honorarium shall be applicable for work done w.e.f. 01.06.2025 Fee bills already settled will not be re-opened, (unless notified by the Authority).

#### 12. Court Fee:-

The Secretary of District Legal Services Authority shall be empowered to decide applications pertaining to payment of court fee upto Rs. 15,000/- in a given case. In case where Court Fee exceeds more than Rs. 15,000/-, approval of Chairperson of concerned District Legal Services Authority shall be obtained.

## 13. Publication Charges:-

In case where an order is passed by any Court for Summoning of party through publication of summons/notice in any local newspaper or more, the Legal Services Counsel shall file the prescribed Process Fee within 07 days of the issuance of the order, obtain copy of the order and after self attestation by the Legal Aid Beneficiary, submit the same with the concerned DLSA and the charges of the Publication shall be payable by the concerned DLSA by means of RTGS after obtaining the IFSC Code of the Publisher/Newspaper concerned, by Cheque or Pay Order or as the case may be.

#### 14. Absence of Remand Advocate:-

If the Court with whom Remand advocate has been attached is working as Duty JM on Sunday/Holiday, then he/she shall be available in the respective Court on that day too positively. Absence of remand advocate without having sought prior permission from the respective court/DLSA on any day would attract deduction of fees at the rate of 1/15 of total monthly fees for one day absence.



## FEE SCHEDULE – DSLSA – 2025 PRE-INSTITUTION AND MEDIATION

## Honorarium to the Advocate Mediators in Pre Institution Mediation & Settlement (PIMS) in Commercial Matters

S.No.	Quantum of Claim in Commercial Dispute/ Nature of case	Honorarium for settled
		cases
1.	From Rs.3,00,000/- to Rs.10,00,000/-	Rs.7,500/-
2.	From Rs.10,00,000/- to Rs.50,00,000/-	Rs.15,000/-
3.	From Rs.50,00,000/- to Rs.1,00,00,000/-	Rs.20,000/-
4.	From Rs.1,00,00,000/- to Rs.3,00,00,000/-	Rs.25,000/-
5.	Above Rs.3,00,00,000/-	Rs.37,500/-
6.	For each unsettled case up to	Rs.2,500/-
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7.	For each unsettled case above Rs.	Rs.5,000/-
	2,00,00,000/-	7
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